

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: P/22/0109 | Re roofing of properties | 6,12,13,14,16,17,19,20,21,22,25,26,28,30,32,33,34,35,36,37, 39,41,42,44,51 Council Street 1,2,3,4,6,11,16,18,24,30,31,32,36 Urban Street Penydarren Merthyr Tydfil.

Site consists of x2 terraced streets in Penydarren. Nearby trees, grassland, woodland, scrub, parkland. Re-roofing is likely to negatively impact bats and nesting birds where present.

Designated sites within 1km of the application site:

- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – x1 (Bryniau, c.870m NNW);
- Within a Buglife B-Lines Area.

Priority and protected species within 500m of the application site:

- Birds (including Schedule 1¹ species);
- Fungi (including Section 7² species);
- Invertebrates (including Section 7²);
- Bats (closest record, c.155m from site for unidentified bat species. Closest *roost* record, c.1161m from site for unidentified bat species);
- Badger;
- Hedgehog;
- Reptiles;
- Amphibians (including great crested newt, closest record c.835m from site);
- Vascular plants (including Section 7² species).

Report submitted in support of the above application:

- Building Inspection Report (protected Species). Proposed Roofing Repairs and Improvements, Properties at Council Street and Urban Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Soltys Brewster. Document Issue 1. Ref: E22108101 02 MARCH 2022

Comments

The report has identified that overall, the buildings have low suitability for roosting bats and further bat survey work is recommended. Teams of x3 surveyors are suggested for

¹ Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

² Environment (Wales) Act 2016

each street. This seems a low number and insufficient to cover all gaps identified, especially if there are gaps on different elevations of the terraced streets. This needs further justification, or an increased number of surveyors.

All bat survey work is required prior to determination of this planning application.